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**Symbolic generation of constrained random logic cells**

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**Abstract:**

A symbolic cell generator (SYC) that can generate the symbolic layout of a generic CMOS logic cell is presented. It accepts as input a SPICE-like netlist describing circuit components, connectivity, and the list of the I/O pins. Using this generator, the user can specify topological constraints on pin and transistor positions, the maximum lengths of polysilicon and diffusion wires, and a preferred layer for each electrical node. Cells are generated according to optimization criteria that take into account not only geometric factors, such as cell area, aspect ratio, and wirelength, but also electrical features, namely capacitance to the substrate and contact and via minimization. The generator's placement strategy includes transistor clustering into regions, global region placement by linear ordering, and two-dimensional local transistor placement. The routing combines Steiner trees and Lee algorithms. Object-oriented programming paradigms were used in the implementation of the program, written in C language. Experimental results for small and medium-sized cells are presented

**Descriptors:** Semiconductor devices; Generators; Transistors; Placement; Optimization; Logic; Constraints; Diffusion layers; Clustering; Capacitance; Integrated circuits; Circuits; Trees; Lists; Object-oriented programming; C (programming language); Criteria; Electric wire; Aspect ratio; Minimization

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**Near-optimal critical sink routing tree constructions**

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**Abstract:**

We present critical-sink routing tree (CSRT) constructions which exploit available critical-path information to yield high-performance routing trees. Our CS-Steiner and "global slack removal" algorithms together modify traditional Steiner tree constructions to optimize signal delay at identified critical sinks. We further propose an iterative Elmore routing tree (ERT) construction which optimizes Elmore delay directly, as opposed to heuristically abstracting linear or Elmore delay as in previous approaches. Extensive timing simulations on industry IC and MCM interconnect parameters show that our methods yield trees that significantly improve (by averages of up to 67%) over minimum Steiner routings in terms of delays to identified critical sinks. ERTs also serve as generic high-performance routing trees when no critical sink is specified: for 8-sink nets in standard IC (MCM) technology, we improve average sink delay by 19% (62%) and maximum sink delay by 22% (52%) over the minimum Steiner routing. These approaches provide simple, basic advances over

existing performance-driven routing tree constructions. Our results are complemented by a detailed analysis of the accuracy and fidelity of the Elmore delay approximation; we also exactly assess the suboptimality of our heuristic tree constructions. In achieving the latter result, we develop a new characterization of Elmore-optimal routing trees, as well as a decomposition theorem for optimal Steiner trees, which are of independent interest

**Descriptors:** Trees; Construction; Delay; Integrated circuits; Construction industry; Heuristic; Accuracy; Time measurements; Optimization; Theorems; Computer simulation; Signal delay; Approximation; Mathematical analysis; Decomposition; Standards; Algorithms; Iterative methods; Computer aided design; Design engineering

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**General approximation technique for constrained forest problems**

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A general approximation technique for graph-related optimization problems involving an integer program (IP) is proposed. Such graph-related problem is referred to as constraint forest problem. The proposed technique can be applied to problems of covering vertices of graphs with trees, cycles or paths satisfying certain requirements at minimum cost. The algorithm produced from this technique can run in  $O(n^{super(2)}\log n)$  time and come within a factor of two of optimal for most optimization problems.

**Descriptors:** Optimization; Graph theory; Algorithms; Trees (mathematics); Combinatorial mathematics; Polynomials; Computational complexity; Integer programming; Set theory; Constraint theory; Linear programming; Functions

**Identifiers:** Constrained forest problems; Matching; Steiner tree problem ; T joins; Traveling salesman problem

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**A note on lower bounds for rectilinear Steiner trees.**

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**Edge-packing of graphs and network reliability.**

Colbourn, C J Dep. Comp. Sci., Univ. Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

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The reliability of a network can be efficiently bounded using graph-theoretical techniques based on edge-packing. We examine the application of combinatorial theorems in edge-packing spanning trees, s, t-paths, and s, t-cuts to the determination of reliability bounds. We compare the resulting bounds with known bounds produced by different techniques, and establish that the edge-packing bounds often produce a substantial improvement. We also establish that three other edge-packing problems arising in reliability bounding are NP-complete, namely edge-packing by networks cutsets, Steiner trees, and Steiner cutsets.

**Descriptors:** Networks; Reliability; Graph theory; Np completeness

**Identifiers:** edge packing

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**WEAVER: An application of knowledge-based expert systems to detailed routing of VLSI circuits.**

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**Abstract:**

This thesis presents background about some representative techniques for routing and summarizes their characteristics. It then studies in detail the different factors (such as minimum area, number of vias, wire length, etc.) that affect the routing quality, and the different criteria (such as vertical/horizontal constraint graph, merging, minimal rectilinear Steiner tree, etc.) that can be used to optimize these factors.

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**Abstract:**

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**OPTIMAL NETWORK DESIGN FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINES**

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Natural gas transportation requires a continuous pipeline network from well-head to burner-tip. This work applies analytical network analysis techniques to the pipeline network design problem. Four issues receive attention: (1) central facility density, (2) spatially-optimal network design, (3) central facility placement, and (4) impact of environment on pipeline design. The first of these problems is solved using a market area model. Here, an appropriate configuration factor for pipeline networks is determined and used to calculate optimal density. Second, concepts of the minimal spanning tree and Steiner trees are combined in an analytical algorithm for generating near-optimal pipeline networks. Third, a standard optimisation process locates the network median for optimal facility placement. Last, monetary valuation of the environment is shown to have relevance to pipeline projects, and a revealed preference technique is proposed. Case studies of several Alberta pipeline networks illustrate the network concepts presented.

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**CONSTRAINT-DRIVEN GLOBAL ROUTERS (ANALOG LAYOUT, NETWORKS)**

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In this dissertation we address the signal routing problem for fully differential nets in mixed analog-digital circuits and critical digital nets on integrated circuits. We formally define the fully differential net routing problem as an electrical matching problem. The proposed router is a gridless constraint-driven global router for fully differential terminals which are placed symmetrically about an imaginary axis. Depending on the required circuit performance, two positive parameters  $\$epsilon_{sb{r}}$  and  $\$epsilon_{sb{c}}$  are used to maintain resistance and capacitance mismatch within acceptable limits. The router matches the net-pair parasitics segment by segment while minimizing a cost function designed for differential signals. The common-mode rejection of crosstalk is included in the cost function and the matching criteria. Using a search technique derived from AI applications (the A\* algorithm), both lumped resistance and capacitance are matched. In addition, this technique permits the relaxation of symmetry restriction during the placement phase.

In the case of critical digital nets, a gridless constraint-driven router is proposed. Given a delay bound  $\$t_{sb{max}}{sb{j}}$  for each sink terminal, the router minimizes the combined signal delay to the terminals while simultaneously satisfying each individual delay bound. When compared to minimum Steiner tree routers, our router decreased the combined delay up to 30%. The maximum signal delay of each net was also improved up to 37% and the net skew was minimized..

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**ON THE DESIGN OF APPROXIMATION ALGORITHMS FOR A CLASS OF GRAPH PROBLEMS (OPTIMIZATION)**

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In this thesis, we present a single technique for approximating a large class of graph problems. The technique is based on the standard primal-dual method, and shows the importance of this method in designing approximation algorithms.

The class of problems we consider involves selecting a minimum-cost set of edges such that at least  $f(S)$  edges have exactly one endpoint in each subset of vertices  $S$ , for certain easily characterized functions  $f$ . We show that our technique leads to  $\$2\lceil\ln H\rceil(\lceil m \max \rceil)^2$ -approximation algorithms for problems in this class, where  $\$f_{sb{max}} = \max\{sb{s} f(s)\}$  and  $\$f_{sb{k}} = \ln k$  is the harmonic function  $\$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{k}$ . The class captures a wide variety of classical and complex problems in combinatorial optimization, including the minimum-cost spanning tree, Steiner tree, generalized Steiner tree, survivable network design, T-join, minimum-weight perfect matching (under triangle inequality), two-matching (under triangle inequality), and location-design problems. Our algorithm runs in  $\$O(n^{sp}m^{sp}\ln m)$  time on a graph of  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges, where  $\$m^{sp} = \min\{n^{sp}, m\}$  and  $\$f_{sb{k}}$  is the time to compute the function  $f$ . We obtain faster time bounds for specific problems of interest.

The algorithms produced first generalize classical algorithms for minimum-cost spanning trees and shortest paths. Second, they provide approximation algorithms for problems in P (such as the minimum-weight perfect matching problem under triangle inequality) that run asymptotically faster than the best-known algorithms that solve these problems exactly. Third, they provide approximation algorithms for problems which had no previously known approximation algorithm. For instance, the technique gives the first approximation algorithm for the survivable network design problem, which is the problem of finding a minimum-cost set of edges such that there are  $\lceil \log n \rceil$  edge-disjoint paths between each pair of vertices i and j. Fourth, the algorithms given by the technique improve on the running time and/or the approximation factor of several known approximation algorithms.

Extensions of the main technique of this thesis lead to approximation algorithms for problems which do not fall in the class of problems mentioned above. For example, we give a 2-approximation algorithm for the prize-collecting traveling salesman problem and a  $\frac{2}{\ln k}$ -approximation algorithm for the minimum-cost k-vertex-connected subgraph problem.

Finally, we conduct an experimental study of our 2-approximation algorithm for minimum-weight perfect matching on Euclidean instances. We present computational results for both random and real-world instances having between 1,000 and 131,072 vertices. The results indicate that our algorithm generates a matching within 2% of optimality in most cases. In over 1,400 experiments, the algorithm was never more than 4% from optimal. (Copies available exclusively from MIT Libraries, Rm. 14-0551, Cambridge, MA 02139-4307. Ph. 617-253-5668; Fax 617-253-1690.) (Abstract shortened by UMI.)

...and complex problems in combinatorial optimization, including the minimum-cost spanning tree, Steiner tree, generalized Steiner tree, survivable network design, T-join, minimum-weight perfect matching (under triangle inequality), two-matching (under triangle inequality), and location-design...

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**WEAVER: AN APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE-BASED EXPERT SYSTEMS TO DETAILED ROUTING OF VLSI CIRCUITS (DESIGN, ROUTING)**

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Routing of VLSI chips is an important, time consuming, and difficult problem. The difficulty of the problem is attributed to the large number of often conflicting factors that affect the routing quality. Traditional techniques have approached routing by ignoring some of these factors and imposing unnecessary constraints in order to make routing tractable. In addition to the imposition of these restrictions, which simplify the problems to a degree but at the same time reduce the routing quality, traditional approaches use brute force. They often transform the problem into mathematical or graph problems and completely ignore the specific knowledge about the routing task that can greatly help the solution.

This thesis overcomes some of the above problems and presents a system that performs routing close to what human designers do. In other words it heavily capitalizes on the knowledge of human expertise in this area, it does not impose unnecessary constraints, it considers all the different factors that affect the routing quality, and most importantly it allows constant user interaction throughout the routing process.

To achieve the above, this thesis presents background about some representative techniques for routing and summarizes their characteristics. It then studies in detail the different factors (such as minimum area, number of vias, wire length, etc.) that affect the routing quality, and the different criteria (such as vertical/horizontal constraint graph, merging, minimal rectilinear Steiner tree, etc.) that can be used to optimize these factors.

The result of the above study is then used to implement WEAVER, a knowledge-based routing expert. To evaluate the effectiveness of the approach, a number of experiments are performed which compare WEAVER's performance with the traditional approaches. These experiments show: a dramatic improvement over the traditional approaches; a performance equal to or better than human expertise; the effectiveness of the use of human knowledge; and the viability of the technique of knowledge-based expert systems in the routing domain, the foundation on which WEAVER is based.

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**Abstract:** A common problem in a packet radio network (PRN) environment is to construct a multicasting network from a single source to a set of remote destinations which minimizes the number of transmissions. This problem is known to be NP-complete, thus computing an optimal solution may be infeasible for sizable networks. This paper provides two alternative solutions to this problem. The first is a heuristic algorithm which iteratively builds a spanning tree from the destinations to the source. A second solution, included for comparative purposes, is based on the Hopfield neural network whose dynamics are governed by a motion equation and a set of constraints. Both solutions are tested on a variety of instances against an optimal algorithm. Results show the approaches form good solutions (the number of transmissions is within about 3% of the optimum) and run in a fraction of the time required to form the optimal solution. 22 Refs.

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**Abstract:** Group communication has become increasingly important in mobile ad hoc networks (MANET). Current multicast routing protocols in MANET have been shown to have large overhead due to dynamic network topology. To overcome this problem, there is a recent shift towards stateless multicast in small groups (DDM left bracket 1 right bracket ). DDM queries the underlying unicast routing protocol to forward data packets towards members of a multicast group.

The multicast distribution tree in DDM is implicit and cannot be controlled by the upper transport and application layers. In this paper, we introduce another small group multicast scheme, based on packet encapsulation, which uses novel packet distribution tree construction algorithms for efficient data delivery. The packet distribution tree is constructed explicitly with the goal of minimizing the overall bandwidth cost of the tree. The tree construction algorithms include a location-guided k-ary (LGK) tree and a location-guided Steiner (LGS) tree. Both of them utilize the geometric locations of the destination nodes as heuristics to compute the trees, and are accompanied by a hybrid location update mechanism to disseminate location information among a group of nodes. Our simulation results show that LGS tree has lower bandwidth cost than LGK tree when the location information of the nodes is up-to-date, and its cost is similar to that of an optimal Steiner multicast tree. When location information of the nodes is out-dated, LGK tree outperforms LGS tree due to its lower computational complexity. 24 Refs.

**Descriptors:** \*Multicasting; Mobile telecommunication systems; Information dissemination; Algorithms; Trees (mathematics); Network protocols; Packet switching; Geometry; Heuristic methods; Computer simulation; Computational complexity; Optimization

**Identifiers:** Mobile ad hoc networks; Group communication; Tree construction algorithm; Location update mechanism; Steiner tree; Packet encapsulation; Packet distribution tree

**Classification Codes:**

716.1 (Information & Communication Theory); 716.3 (Radio Systems & Equipment); 903.2 (Information Dissemination); 723.1 (Computer Programming); 921.4 (Combinatorial Mathematics, Includes Graph Theory, Set Theory); 723.5 (Computer Applications)

716 (Electronic Equipment, Radar, Radio & Television); 903 (Information Science); 723 (Computer Software, Data Handling & Applications); 921 (Applied Mathematics)

71 (ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING); 90 (ENGINEERING, GENERAL); 72 (COMPUTERS & DATA PROCESSING); 92 (ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS)

**Identifiers:** Mobile ad hoc networks; Group communication; Tree construction algorithm; Location update mechanism; Steiner tree; Packet encapsulation; Packet distribution tree

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**Title:** A genetic approach to analog module placement with simulated annealing

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**CODEN:** PICSDI **ISSN:** 0271-4310

**Language:** English

**Document Type:** CA; (Conference Article) **Treatment:** T; (Theoretical); X; (Experimental)

**Journal Announcement:** 0207W2

**Abstract:** This paper presents a novel approach to analog module placement with the combination of genetic algorithm and simulated annealing. The approach is based on the bottom-left relative placement represented by binary tree. It is superior to the other three approaches which were implemented with pure simulated annealing or genetic algorithms. A fractional factorial experiment was conducted using an orthogonal array to study the algorithm parameters. A meta-GA was applied to determine the exact parameter values. The dedicated cost function covers the special requirements of analog integrated circuits. The experimental results show that this promising algorithm makes the best performance with the least mean cost and standard deviation over all the other compared approaches. 12 Refs.

**Descriptors:** \*Integrated circuit layout; Linear integrated circuits; Computer aided design; Genetic algorithms; Simulated annealing; Trees (mathematics); Parameter estimation; Heuristic methods; MOS devices; Computer simulation

**Identifiers:** Analog module placement; Analog integrated circuits; Bottom left relative placement; Software package

ALADIN; Binary tree; Steiner tree problem; Cost function

**Classification Codes:**

714.2 (Semiconductor Devices & Integrated Circuits); 723.5 (Computer Applications); 723.1 (Computer Programming); 921.5 (Optimization Techniques); 921.4 (Combinatorial Mathematics, Includes Graph Theory, Set Theory); 921.6 (Numerical Methods)

714 (Electronic Components & Tubes); 723 (Computer Software, Data Handling & Applications); 921 (Applied Mathematics)

71 (ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING); 72 (COMPUTERS & DATA PROCESSING); 92 (ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS)

**Identifiers:** Analog module placement; Analog integrated circuits; Bottom left relative placement; Software package ALADIN; Binary tree; Steiner tree problem; Cost function

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**Title:** Buffered Steiner trees for difficult instances

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**Corporate Source:** IBM Corporation, Austin, TX 78758, United States

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**Publication Year:** 2002

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**Language:** English

**Document Type:** JA; (Journal Article) **Treatment:** T; (Theoretical)

**Journal Announcement:** 0203W3

**Abstract:** With the rapid scaling of integrated-circuit technology, buffer insertion has become an increasingly critical optimization technique in high-performance design. The problem of finding a buffered Steiner tree with optimal delay characteristics has been an active area of research and excellent solutions exist for most instances. However, there exists a class of real "difficult" instances, which are characterized by a large number of sinks (e.g., 20-100), large variations in sink criticalities, nonuniform sink distribution, and varying polarity requirements. Existing techniques are either inefficient, wasteful of buffering resources, or unable to find a high-quality solution. We propose C-tree, a two-level construction that first clusters sinks with common characteristics together, constructs low-level Steiner trees for each cluster, then performs a timing-driven Steiner construction on the top-level clustering. We show that this hierarchical approach can

achieve higher quality solutions with fewer resources compared to traditional timing-driven Steiner trees. 23 Refs.

**Descriptors:** \*Integrated circuit layout; Trees (mathematics); Electric network topology; Interconnection networks; Optimization

**Identifiers:** Buffered Steiner trees

**Classification Codes:**

714.2 (Semiconductor Devices & Integrated Circuits); 921.4 (Combinatorial Mathematics, Includes Graph Theory, Set Theory); 703.1 (Electric Networks); 921.5 (Optimization Techniques)

714 (Electronic Components & Tubes); 921 (Applied Mathematics); 703 (Electric Circuits); 721 (Computer Circuits & Logic Elements)

71 (ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING); 92 (ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS); 70 (ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL); 72 (COMPUTERS & DATA PROCESSING)

**Abstract:** ...We propose C-tree, a two-level construction that first clusters sinks with common characteristics together, constructs low-level Steiner trees for each cluster, then performs a timing-driven Steiner construction on the top-level clustering...

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**Title:** Efficient algorithms for the multicast trees under the packet-replication restrictions

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**Language:** English

**Document Type:** JA; (Journal Article) **Treatment:** A; (Applications); T; (Theoretical)

**Journal Announcement:** 0111W2

**Abstract:** In this paper, we are concerned in obtaining multicast trees in packet-switched networks such as ATM nets, when there exist constraints on the packet (cell)-replication capabilities of the individual switching nodes. This problem can be formulated as the Steiner tree problem with degree bounds on the nodes, so we call it the Degree-Constrained Steiner Tree problem (DCST). Four heuristic algorithms are proposed: the first is a combined version of two well-known Steiner tree algorithms, heuristic Naive and the shortest path heuristic (SPH), and the second is a relaxation algorithm based on a mathematical formulation of the DCST, and the last two use a tree reconfiguration scheme based on the concept of 'logical link.' We experimentally compare our algorithms with the previous ones in three respects; number of solved instances, objective value or tree cost, and computation time. The experimental results show that there are few instances unsolved by our algorithms, and the objective values are mostly within 5% of optimal. Computation times are also acceptable. 30 Refs.

**Descriptors:** \*Multicasting; Algorithms; Packet networks; Constraint theory; Heuristic methods; Trees (mathematics); Problem solving

**Identifiers:** Multicast trees; Packet-replication restrictions; Relaxation algorithm

**Classification Codes:**

716.1 (Information & Communication Theory); 723.5 (Computer Applications); 721.1 (Computer Theory (Includes Formal Logic, Automata Theory, Switching Theory & Programming Theory)); 921.6 (Numerical Methods)

716 (Electronic Equipment, Radar, Radio & Television); 723 (Computer Software, Data Handling & Applications); 721 (Computer Circuits & Logic Elements); 921 (Applied Mathematics)

71 (ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING); 72 (COMPUTERS & DATA PROCESSING); 92 (ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS)

**Abstract:** ...Degree-Constrained Steiner Tree problem (DCST). Four heuristic algorithms are proposed: the first is a combined version of two well-known Steiner tree algorithms, heuristic Naive and the shortest path heuristic (SPH), and the second is a relaxation....

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08516143 E.I. No: EIP00035102781

**Title:** Associative-skew clock routing problem

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**CODEN:** DICDFD **ISSN:** 1092-3152

**Language:** English

**Document Type:** JA; (Journal Article), **Treatment:** A; (Applications); T; (Theoretical)

**Journal Announcement:** 0005W3

**Abstract:** We introduce the associative skew clock routing problem, which seeks a clock routing tree such that zero skew is preserved only within identified groups of sinks. The associative skew problem is easier to address within current EDA frameworks than useful-skew (skew-scheduling) approaches, and defines an interesting tradeoff between the traditional zero-skew clock routing problem (one sink group) and the Steiner minimum tree problem (n sink groups). We present a set of heuristic building blocks, including an efficient and optimal method of merging two zero-skew trees such that zero skew is preserved within the sink sets of each tree. Finally, we list a number open issues for research and practical application. (Author abstract) 21 Refs.

**Descriptors:** \*Routers; Trees (mathematics); Set theory; Heuristic programming; Computer aided design; VLSI circuits; Topology; Algorithms

**Identifiers:** Associative skew clock routing; Rectilinear Steiner minimum tree; Zero skew tree; Deferred merge embedding; Bounded skew tree

**Classification Codes:**

722.3 (Data Communication, Equipment & Techniques); 921.4 (Combinatorial Mathematics, Includes Graph Theory, Set Theory); 723.1 (Computer Programming); 723.5 (Computer Applications); 714.2 (Semiconductor Devices & Integrated Circuits)

722 (Computer Hardware); 921 (Applied Mathematics); 723 (Computer Software); 714 (Electronic Components) 72 (COMPUTERS & DATA PROCESSING); 92 (ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS); 71 (ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS)

**Identifiers:** Associative skew clock routing; Rectilinear Steiner minimum tree; Zero skew tree; Deferred merge embedding; Bounded skew tree

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**Title:** DMRP: A distributed multicast routing protocol for ATM networks

**Author:** Venkateswaran, R.; Raghavendra, C.S.; Chen, X.; Kumar, V.P.

**Corporate Source:** Washington State Univ, Pullman, WA, USA

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**Conference Location:** Lisboa, Portugal **Conference Date:** 19970525-19970528

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**Source:** IEEE ATM Workshop, Proceedings 1997. IEEE, Piscataway, NJ, USA. p 263-271

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**CODEN:** 002708

**Language:** English

**Document Type:** CA; (Conference Article) **Treatment:** A; (Applications); G; (General Review)

**Journal Announcement:** 9801W1

**Abstract:** In this paper, we present a Distributed Multicast Routing Protocol (DMRP) for dynamic computation of multicast trees. This protocol is a distributed version of a centralized heuristic for dynamic Steiner Tree computation. The protocol is deadlock-free and is a correct implementation of the centralized heuristic. It can be easily extended to the hierarchical framework supported by ATM Forum's PNNI protocols. This makes the protocol very scalable. Our motivation is to make this protocol a standard for multicasting under the PNNI framework. Our protocol draws a lot of inspiration from PIM, which has been proposed as the standard for multicasting in the internet domain. We would like to emphasize that unlike PIM which caters to maintaining only soft-states, DMRP maintains hard states. The hard states are required under the ATM framework and make the DMRP protocol compatible with the philosophy of PNNI. The sharing of the multicast tree among multiple senders makes effective use of the network resources. This reduces the overall cost of the multicast tree. The protocol relies on Participant Initiated Join, where the participant who wants to establish connection with the multicast group computes the path to the already existing multicast tree. Using simulations, we show that the number of messages generated before a participant can join the multicast tree is small. Further, the join latency is also small. The simplicity of the protocol lends itself to easy implementation for the support of multipoint connections under the PNNI framework.

(Author abstract) 6 Refs.

**Descriptors:** \*Asynchronous transfer mode; Network protocols; Congestion control (communication); Heuristic methods; Computer simulation; Trees (mathematics)

**Identifiers:** Distributed multicasting routing protocols (DMRP); Steiner Tree computation; Participant initiated join

**Classification Codes:**

723.5 (Computer Applications); 921.4 (Combinatorial Mathematics, Includes Graph Theory, Set Theory)

716 (Radar, Radio & TV Electronic Equipment); 723 (Computer Software); 921 (Applied Mathematics)

71 (ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS); 72 (COMPUTERS & DATA PROCESSING); 92 (ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS)

**Identifiers:** Distributed multicasting routing protocols (DMRP); Steiner Tree computation; Participant initiated join

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**Title:** Packing Steiner trees: Separation algorithms

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**Corporate Source:** Konrad-Zuse-Zentrum fur Informationstechnik Berlin, Heilbronner Strasse 10, 10711 Berlin, Germany

**Source:** SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics v 9 n 2 1996. p 233-257

**Publication Year:** 1996

**CODEN:** SJDMEC **ISSN:** 0895-4801

**Language:** English

**Document Type:** JA; (Journal Article)

**Journal Announcement:** 9710W4

**Abstract:** In this paper, we investigate separation problems for classes of inequalities valid for the polytope associated with the Steiner tree packing problem, a problem that arises, e.g., in very large-scale integration (VLSI) routing. The separation problem for Steiner partition inequalities is NP-hard in general. We show that it can be solved in polynomial time for those instances that come up in switchbox routing. Our algorithm uses dynamic programming techniques. These techniques are also applied to the much more complicated separation problem for alternating cycle inequalities. In this case, we can compute in polynomial time, given some point  $y$ , a lower bound for the gap  $x - a^*T y$  over all alternating cycle inequalities  $a^*T x$  greater than equivalent to alpha. This gives rise to a very effective separation heuristic. A by-product of our algorithm is the solution of a combinatorial optimization problem that is interesting in its own right: find a shortest path in a graph where the 'length' of a path is its usual length minus the length of its longest edge. 16 Ref.

**Descriptors:** \*Algorithms; Dynamic programming

**Identifiers:** Polynomial time; Polytope; Steiner system; Graph path; Shortest path; Combinatorial optimization

**Classification Codes:**

921.5 (Optimization Techniques)

921 (Applied Mathematics)

92 (ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS)

**Title:** Packing Steiner trees: Separation algorithms

**Abstract:** ...we investigate separation problems for classes of inequalities valid for the polytope associated with the Steiner tree packing problem, a problem that arises, e.g., in very large-scale integration (VLSI) routing. The...

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**Title:** Steiner tree packing problem in VLSI design

**Author:** Groetschel, M.; Martin, A.; Weismantel, R.

**Corporate Source:** Konrad-Zuse-Zentrum fuer Informationstechnik Berlin, Berlin, Ger

**Source:** Mathematical Programming, Series B v 78 n 2 Aug 1 1997. p 265-281

**Publication Year:** 1997

**CODEN:** MPSBEU **ISSN:** 0025-5610

**Language:** English

**Document Type:** JA; (Journal Article) **Treatment:** T; (Theoretical); X; (Experimental)

**Journal Announcement:** 9710W1

**Abstract:** In this paper we describe several versions of the routing problem arising in VLSI design and indicate how the Steiner tree packing problem can be used to model these problems mathematically. We focus on switchbox muting problems and provide integer programming formulations for routing in the knock-knee and in the Manhattan model. We give a brief sketch of cutting plane algorithms that we developed and implemented for these two models. We report on computational experiments using standard test instances. Our codes are able to determine optimum solutions in most cases, and in particular, we can show that some of the instances have no feasible solution if Manhattan routing is used instead of knock-knee routing. (Author abstract) 20 Refs.

**Descriptors:** \*Integer programming; VLSI circuits; Integrated circuit layout; Trees (mathematics); Mathematical models  
**Identifiers:** Steiner tree packing; Switchbox routing; Manhattan model

**Classification Codes:**

921.5 (Optimization Techniques); 714.2 (Semiconductor Devices & Integrated Circuits); 921.4 (Combinatorial Mathematics, Includes Graph Theory, Set Theory)

921 (Applied Mathematics); 714 (Electronic Components)

92 (ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS); 71 (ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS)

**Title:** Steiner tree packing problem in VLSI design

**Abstract:** ...describe several versions of the routing problem arising in VLSI design and indicate how the Steiner tree packing problem can be used to model these problems mathematically. We focus on switchbox muting problems...

**Identifiers:** Steiner tree packing; Switchbox routing; Manhattan model

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07364610 E.I. No: EIP96033109454

**Title:** Minimum-cost node-disjoint Steiner trees in series-parallel networks

**Author:** Chopra, Sunil; Talluri, Kalyan T.

**Corporate Source:** Northwestern Univ, Evanston, IL, USA

**Source:** VLSI Design v 4 n 1 1996. p 53-57

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**CODEN:** VLDEEZ

**Language:** English

**Document Type:** JA; (Journal Article) **Treatment:** T; (Theoretical)

**Journal Announcement:** 9605W3

**Abstract:** The routing problem in VLSI-layout can be modeled as a problem of packing node-disjoint Steiner trees in a graph. The problem is as follows: Given an undirected network G equals  $(V, E)$  and a net list Psi equals left brace  $N/i$ , i equals 1, ..., r right brace , a family Gamma //G equals left brace  $T//N/(i/i)$  equals  $(V//N/(i/i), E//N/(i/i))$ , i equals 1, ..., r right brace is a node-disjoint family of Steiner trees spanning Psi if  $T//N/(i/i)$  is a Steiner tree spanning  $N/i$  for i equals 1, ..., r and  $V//N/(i/i)$  qq  $V//N/(i/j)$  equals for i does not equal j. The edge-disjoint version of this problem is known to be NP-hard for series-parallel graphs (see Richey and Parker left bracket 5 right bracket ). In this paper we give a  $O(n^{**}k)$  algorithm for finding a minimum-cost node-disjoint family of Steiner trees in series-parallel networks. Our algorithm can be extended to k-trees and is polynomial for fixed k. (Author abstract) 6 Refs.

**Descriptors:** \*Integrated circuit layout; Trees (mathematics); Mathematical models; Computational complexity;

Algorithms; Polynomials

**Identifiers:** Steiner trees; Series parallel graphs; Routing problem

**Classification Codes:**

714.2 (Semiconductor Devices & Integrated Circuits); 921.4 (Combinatorial Mathematics, Includes Graph Theory, Set Theory); 721.1 (Computer Theory, Includes Formal Logic, Automata Theory, Switching Theory, Programming Theory); 921.1 (Algebra)

714 (Electronic Components); 921 (Applied Mathematics); 721 (Computer Circuits & Logic Elements)

71 (ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS); 92 (ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS); 72 (COMPUTERS & DATA PROCESSING)

**Abstract:** The routing problem in VLSI-layout can be modeled as a problem of packing node-disjoint Steiner trees in a graph. The problem is as follows: Given an undirected network G equals  $(V, E)$

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**Title:** Automatic generation of symbolic cells from a net-list description.

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**ISBN:** 0-8186-1940-6

**Language:** English

**Document Type:** PA; (Conference Paper) **Treatment:** A; (Applications)

**Journal Announcement:** 9005

**Abstract:** A tool capable of synthesizing the symbolic layout of a CMOS cell from its circuit descriptions is presented. The synthesis process is guided by topological constraints on pin and transistor positions, maximum lengths of poly and diffusion wires, and the specification of a preferred layer for each electrical node. The optimization criteria take into account cell area and aspect ratio, wire length, capacitance to the substrate, and contact and via minimization. The novel placement strategy includes transistor clustering into regions, global region placement by linear ordering, and two-dimensional local transistor placement. The routing combines Steiner trees and Lee algorithms. The program is fast and has been thoroughly tested on small and medium-sized cells. 13 Refs.

**Descriptors:** \*INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, VLSI--\*Layout; SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES, MOS; TRANSISTORS; COMPUTER PROGRAMMING--Algorithms

**Identifiers:** CMOS CELLS; NETLIST DISPLAYS; STEINER TREES; LEE ALGORITHMS

**Classification Codes:**

713 (Electronic Circuits); 714 (Electronic Components); 723 (Computer Software)

71 (ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS); 72 (COMPUTERS & DATA PROCESSING)

**Abstract:** ...regions, global region placement by linear ordering, and two-dimensional local transistor placement. The routing combines Steiner trees and Lee algorithms. The program is fast and has been thoroughly tested on small and...

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**Two Steiner Tree Packing Problems**

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Title: A branch-and-price algorithm for switch-box routing  
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Language: English Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)  
Treatment: Practical (P); Theoretical (T)  
Abstract: Routing in VLSI design concerns the wiring of a chip after the logical modules have been placed. A subproblem occurring in VLSI design is switch-box routing. Switch-box routing can be formulated as the problem of packing Steiner trees in a grid graph. The only previous exact solution method for switch-box routing uses a branch-and-cut approach. The aim of this work is to solve the switch-box routing problem to optimality by using a branch-and-price algorithm based on an IP model where variables represent Steiner trees and where the pricing problem becomes the problem of finding a Steiner tree in a graph. In the primal algorithm, the focal points are branching strategy, pricing strategy, perturbation of the linear program, and computation of lower bounds to terminate column generation early. The final implementation yields optimal solutions in the knock-knee model to seven classic switch-box instances, of which three had not been solved to optimality prior to this work. ( 18 Refs)  
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Descriptors: integrated circuit layout; network routing; optimisation; trees (mathematics); VLSI  
Identifiers: branch-and-price algorithm; switch-box routing; VLSI design; chip wiring; Steiner trees; grid graph; branching strategy; pricing strategy; linear program perturbation; column generation termination; knock-knee model; optimization  
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Title: A branch-and-price algorithm for the Steiner tree packing problem

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**Abstract:** The paper, deals with the Steiner tree packing problem. For a given undirected graph  $G=(V,E)$  with positive integer capacities and nonnegative weights on its edges, and a list of node sets (nets), the problem is to find a connection of nets which satisfies the edge capacity limits and minimizes the total weights. We focus on the switchbox routing problem in knock-knee model and formulate this problem as an integer programming problem using Steiner tree variables. We develop a branch-and-price algorithm. The algorithm is applied on some standard test instances and we compare the performances with the results using a cutting plane approach. Computational results show that our algorithm is competitive with the cutting plane algorithm presented by M. Grötschel et al. (1996) and can be used to solve practically sized problems. ( 23 Refs)

Subfile: B C

Descriptors: bin packing; graph theory; integer programming; network routing; tree searching

Identifiers: branch-and-price algorithm; Steiner tree packing problem; undirected graph; positive integer capacities; nonnegative weights ; node sets; edge capacity limits; total weight minimization; switchbox routing problem; knock-knee model; integer programming; Steiner tree variables; standard test instances; cutting plane approach; STP; column generation

Class Codes: B0260 (Optimisation techniques); B0250 (Combinatorial mathematics); B1130 (General circuit analysis and synthesis methods); C1180 (Optimisation techniques); C1160 (Combinatorial mathematics); C4240 (Programming and algorithm theory); C6120 (File organisation)

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Treatment: Practical (P); Theoretical (T)

**Abstract:** A join in a graph is a set  $F$  of edges such that for every circuit  $C$ ;  $C \cap F = \emptyset$ . We study the problem of finding a connected join covering a given subset of vertices of the graph, that is a Steiner tree which is a join at the same time. This turns out to contain the question of finding a T-join of minimum cardinality (or weight) which is, in addition, connected. This last problem is mentioned to be open in a survey of A. Frank (1996), and is motivated by its link to integral packings of T-cuts: if a minimum T-join  $F$  is connected, then there exists an integral packing of T-cuts of cardinality  $|F|$ . The problems we deal with are closely related to some known NP-complete problems: deciding the existence of a connected T-join; finding the minimum cardinality of a connected T-join; the Steiner tree problem; subgraph isomorphism. We also explore some of these connections. ( 20 Refs)

Subfile: C

Descriptors: computational complexity; computational geometry; graph theory

Identifiers: connected joins; graphs; vertices; Steiner tree; minimum cardinality; integral packing; NP-complete problems; Steiner tree problem; subgraph isomorphism

Class Codes: C4260 (Computational geometry); C4240C (Computational complexity); C1160 (Combinatorial mathematics)

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**Title:** Buffered Steiner trees for difficult instances

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Treatment: Theoretical (T)

**Abstract:** With the rapid scaling of integrated-circuit technology, buffer insertion has become an increasingly critical optimization technique in high-performance design. The problem of finding a buffered Steiner tree with optimal delay characteristics has been an active area of research and excellent solutions exist for most instances. However, there exists a class of real "difficult" instances, which are characterized by a large number of sinks (e.g., 20-100), large variations in sink criticalities, nonuniform sink distribution, and varying polarity requirements. Existing techniques are either inefficient, wasteful of buffering resources, or unable to find a high-quality solution. We propose C-tree, a two-level construction that first clusters sinks with common characteristics together, constructs low-level Steiner trees for each cluster, then performs a timing-driven Steiner construction on the top-level clustering. We show that this hierarchical approach can achieve higher quality solutions with fewer resources compared to traditional timing-driven Steiner trees. (23 Refs)

Subfile: B

Descriptors: buffer circuits; circuit optimisation; integrated circuit design; trees (mathematics)

Identifiers: buffered Steiner tree; integrated circuit design; clustering algorithm; buffer insertion; optimization; delay characteristics; sink distribution; C-tree

Class Codes: B1110 (Network topology); B2570A (Semiconductor integrated circuit design, layout, modelling and testing); B0260 (Optimisation techniques); B0250 (Combinatorial mathematics)

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**Title:** Efficient algorithms for the multicast trees under the packet-replication restrictions

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Treatment: Theoretical (T); Experimental (X)

**Abstract:** We are concerned with obtaining multicast trees in packet-switched networks such as ATM networks, when there exist constraints on the packet (cell)-replication capabilities of the individual switching nodes. This problem can be formulated as the Steiner tree problem with degree bounds on the nodes, so we call it the degree-constrained Steiner tree problem (DCST). Four heuristic algorithms are proposed: the first is a combined version of two well-known Steiner tree algorithms, heuristic naive and the shortest path heuristic (SPH), and the second is a relaxation algorithm based on a mathematical formulation of the DCST, and the last two use a tree reconfiguration scheme based on the concept of

'logical link'. We experimentally compare our algorithms with the previous ones in three respects: number of solved instances, objective value or tree cost, and computation time. The experimental results show that there are few instances unsolved by our algorithms, and the objective values are mostly within 5% of optimal. Computation times are also acceptable. (30 Refs)

Subfile: B

Descriptors: asynchronous transfer mode; multicast communication; network topology; packet switching; telecommunication network routing; trees (mathematics)

Identifiers: multicast trees; packet-replication restrictions; packet-switched networks; ATM networks; cell replication; degree-constrained Steiner tree problem; heuristic naive algorithm; shortest path heuristic algorithm; relaxation algorithm; tree reconfiguration; logical link; tree cost; computation time; solved instances

Class Codes: B6150C (Communication switching); B0250 (Combinatorial mathematics); B6150P (Communication network design, planning and routing)

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Title: Vertex-disjoint packing of two Steiner trees: polyhedra and branch-and-cut

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Treatment: Theoretical (T)

Abstract: Consider the problem of routing the electrical connections among two large terminal sets in circuit layout. A realistic model for this problem is given by the vertex-disjoint packing of two Steiner trees (2VPST), which is known to be NP-complete. This work presents an investigation on the 2VPST polyhedra. The main idea is to depart from facet-defining inequalities for a vertex-weighted Steiner tree polyhedra. Some of these inequalities are proven to also define facets for the packing polyhedra, while others are lifted to derive new important families of inequalities, including proven facets. Separation algorithms are also presented. The resulting branch-and-cut code has an excellent performance and is capable of solving problems on grid graphs with up to 10000 vertices and 5000 terminals in a few minutes. (8 Refs)

Subfile: B C

Descriptors: circuit layout; trees (mathematics)

Identifiers: Steiner trees; polyhedra; branch-and-cut; vertex-disjoint packing; NP-complete; Steiner tree polyhedra; packing polyhedra

Class Codes: B0250 (Combinatorial mathematics); B1110 (Network topology); C1160 (Combinatorial mathematics)

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Title: Comparison of formulations and a heuristic for packing Steiner trees in a graph

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Treatment: Applications (A); Theoretical (T)

Abstract: In this paper, we consider the problem of packing Steiner trees in a graph. This problem arises during the global routing phase of circuit layout design. We consider various integer programming formulations and rank them according to lower bounds they provide as linear programming (LP) relaxations. We discuss a solution procedure to obtain both lower and upper bounds using one of the LP-relaxations. Computational results to test the effectiveness of our

procedures are provided. ( 19 Refs)

**Subfile:** B C

**Descriptors:** circuit layout; integer programming; linear programming; network routing; operations research; relaxation theory; trees (mathematics)

**Identifiers:** Steiner trees; packing problem; heuristic; graph theory; global routing; circuit layout design; integer programming; lower bounds; linear programming relaxations; upper bounds

**Class Codes:** B0250 (Combinatorial mathematics); B0260 (Optimisation techniques); B1130 (General analysis and synthesis methods); C1290 (Applications of systems theory); C1160 (Combinatorial mathematics); C1180 (Optimisation techniques)

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Packen von Steinerbaeumen: Polyedrische Studien und Anwendung ( Packing of Steiner Trees: Polyhedric Studies and Application)

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A formulation to solve the Steiner tree packing problem, by means of graph theory, linear algebra polyhedra theory, and

linear programming is developed. The connectivity problem in very large scale integration design, and plane, Manhattan, and knock knee models are presented. Some algorithms for switch box connectivity, such as multicommodity flows in graphs are proposed. Canonic, facet based, and explicit formulation of arborescence polyhedra were examined. The chosen polyhedron was defined as the convex hull of all incidence vectors of Steiner tree packings of a given instance of the problem. A cutting plane algorithm to solve inequalities for polyhedron facet definition with a branch and cut process was developed. Partitioning procedures were realized to solve the separation problem inequalities. The method was applied to problems for the literature.

**Descriptors:** \*Graph theory; \*Integrated circuits; \*Linear programming; \*Optimization; \*Packaging; \*Trees (Mathematics); Combinatorial analysis; Constraints; Graphs (Charts); Heuristic methods; Homotopy theory; Problem solving; Set theory; Simplex method; Topology

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Effective location-guided tree construction algorithms for small group multicast in MANET

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Group communication has become increasingly important in mobile ad hoc networks (MANET). Current multicast routing protocols in MANET have been shown to have large overhead due to dynamic network topology. To overcome this problem, there is a recent shift towards stateless multicast in small groups (DDM (1)). DDM queries the underlying unicast routing protocol to forward data packets towards members of a multicast group. The multicast distribution tree in DDM is implicit and cannot be controlled by the upper transport and application layers. In this paper, we introduce another small group multicast scheme, based on packet encapsulation, which uses novel packet distribution tree construction algorithms for efficient data delivery. The packet distribution tree is constructed explicitly with the goal of minimizing the overall bandwidth cost of the tree. The tree construction algorithms include a location-guided k-ary (LGK) tree and a location-guided Steiner (LGS) tree. Both of them utilize the geometric locations of the destination nodes as heuristics to compute the trees, and are accompanied by a hybrid location update mechanism to disseminate location information among a group of nodes. Our simulation results show that LGS tree has lower bandwidth cost than LGK tree when the location information of the nodes is up-to-date, and its cost is similar to that of an optimal Steiner multicast tree. When location information of the nodes is out-dated, LGK tree outperforms LGS tree due to its lower computational complexity.

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**French Descriptors:** Localisation; Algorithme en arbre; Multidestinataire;

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Multicast routing with bandwidth requirement in the case of incomplete information as a Steiner tree problem  
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Dans cet article, nous developpons un nouvel algorithme pour le routage multicast dans les reseaux de communication. Nous transformons le probleme du routage multicast avec contrainte de bande passante lorsque l'information est incomplete en un probleme de Steiner deterministe. Les algorithmes de la methode "tabou" sont ensuite utilises pour s'assurer de la bonne qualite des solutions sous optimales du routage multicast en un temps polynomial.  
English Descriptors: Routing algorithm; Network routing; Telecommunication network; Multicast; Incomplete information; Deterministic approach; Steiner tree problem; Tabu search; Packet switching; Maximum likelihood; Polynomial time; Network architecture; Service quality  
French Descriptors: Algorithme routage; Routage reseau; Reseau telecommunication; Multidestinataire; Information incomplete; Approche deterministe; Probleme arbre Steiner; Recherche tabou; Commutation paquet ; Maximum vraisemblance; Temps polynomial; Architecture reseau; Qualite service  
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Rank inequalities for packing designs and sparse triple systems

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Combinatorial designs find numerous applications in computer science, and are closely related to problems in coding theory. Packing designs correspond to codes with constant weight; 4-sparse partial Steiner triple systems (4-sparse PSTSs) correspond to erasure-resilient codes able to correct all (except for "bad ones") 4-erasures, which are useful in handling failures in large disk arrays (4,10). The study of polytopes associated with combinatorial problems has proven to be important for both algorithms and theory. However, research on polytopes for problems in combinatorial design and coding theories have been pursued only recently (14,15,17,20,21). In this article, polytopes associated with t-(v, k, A) packing designs and sparse PSTSs are studied. The subpacking and sparseness inequalities are introduced. These can be regarded as rank inequalities for the independence systems associated with these designs. Conditions under which subpacking inequalities define facets are studied. Sparseness inequalities are proven to induce facets for the sparse PSTS polytope; some extremal families of PSTS known as Erdos configurations play a central role in this proof. The incorporation of these inequalities in polyhedral algorithms and their use for deriving upper bounds on the packing numbers are suggested. A sample of 4-sparse PSTS(v), v <= 16, obtained by such an algorithm is shown; an upper bound on the size of m-sparse PSTSs is presented.

English Descriptors: Computer theory; Combinatorial problem; Steiner tree problem; Bin packing problem; Polytope

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A polyhedral algorithm for packings and designs

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We propose a new algorithmic technique for constructing combinatorial designs such as t-designs and packings. The algorithm is based on polyhedral theory and employs the well-known branch-and-cut approach. Several properties of the designs are studied and used in the design of our algorithm. A polynomial-time separation algorithm for clique facets is developed for a class of designs, and an isomorph rejection algorithm is employed in pruning tree branches. Our implementation is described and experimental results are analysed.

English Descriptors: Combinatorial optimization; Bin packing problem

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Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph and  $T$  subset  $= V$  be a node set. We call an edge set  $S$  a Steiner tree for  $T$  if  $S$  connects all pairs of nodes in  $T$ . In this paper we address the following problem, which we call the weighted Steiner tree packing problem. Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weights  $w_{e \in E}$ , edge capacities  $c_{e \in E}$ ,  $e$  element of  $E$ , and node sets  $T \subseteq V$ , find edge sets  $S \subseteq E$  such that each  $S$  is a Steiner tree for  $T$ , at most  $c_{e \in E}$  of these edge sets use edge  $e$  for each  $e$  element of  $E$ , and the sum of the weights of the edge sets is minimal. Our motivation for studying this problem arises from a routing problem in VLSI-design, where given sets of points have to be connected by wires. We consider the Steiner tree packing problem from a polyhedral point of view and define an associated polyhedron, called the Steiner tree packing polyhedron. The goal of this paper is to (partially) describe this polyhedron by means of inequalities. It turns out that, under mild assumptions, each inequality that defines a facet for the (single) Steiner tree polyhedron can be lifted to a facet-defining inequality for the Steiner tree packing polyhedron. The main emphasis of this paper lies on the presentation of so-called joint inequalities that are valid and facet-defining for this polyhedron. Inequalities of this kind involve at least two Steiner trees. The classes of inequalities we have found form the basis of a branch & cut algorithm. This algorithm is described in our companion paper (in this issue).

English Descriptors: Graph theory; Trees (mathematics); Polyhedron;  
Inequality; Facet; Algorithms; Cutting plane method; Steiner tree problem

French Descriptors: Theorie graphique; Arbre(mathematiques); Polyedre;  
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**Abstract:** This paper deals with the **Steiner tree packing** problem. For a given undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with positive integer capacities and non-negative weights on its edges, and a list of node sets (nets), the problem is to find a connection of nets which satisfies the edge capacity limits and minimizes the total weights. We focus on the switchbox routing problem in knock-knee model and formulate this problem as an integer programming using Steiner tree variables. We develop a branch-and-price algorithm. The algorithm is applied on some standard test instances and we compare the performances with the results using cutting-plane approach. Computational results show that our algorithm is competitive to the cutting plane algorithm presented by Grotschel et al. and can be used to solve practically sized problems.

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Provably good global routing of integrated circuits

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**Abstract:** This paper investigates the global routing problem for integrated circuits. We introduce a formulation on the basis of integer programming which minimizes the routing area among a limited set of Steiner trees for each net. Indeed, the involved cost function depends on the channel density of the routing which has a direct influence on the routing area.

Our methods for solving the global routing problem employ local search heuristics, sequential routing, genetic routing, and randomized procedures. Our methods for computing lower bounds are based on linear and Lagrange relaxation. An analysis on the tightness of the bounds indicates that the difference between the cost of the optimal integer solutions and the cost of the optimal fractional solutions is only a small number of tracks in practice. Moreover, the analysis leads to the concept of linear preprocessing by which we exclude a large number of high-cost solutions.

We introduce several versions of preprocessing, one of which preserves the opportunity of obtaining a globally optimal solution in general; all of them do so in practice. Linear preprocessing enables us to solve problem instances with several thousand nets provably optimal or at least provably close to optimal.

All methods have been implemented in the software package ERIDANUS. We present computational results.

The global routing problem assumes the placement of the chip components to be fixed. An extension of the problem, which we call global layout of integrated circuits, allows the placement to be variable and searches for a placement that minimizes the routing area among a limited set of alternatives. We show that the results concerning the global routing problem can be easily extended to global layout.

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**Abstract:** We show that if six translates of a convex disc  $C$  all touch  $C$ , and no two of the translates have interior points in common, then there are never more than two gaps, i.e., consecutive non-touching pairs of translates. We also characterize the configurations where there are two, one or no gaps. This result is then applied to show that the Steiner point in a 1-Steiner Minimum Tree in a normed plane has degree at most five if the unit ball is not an affine regular hexagon (where Steiner points of degree six exist).

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**Abstract:** We study a network configuration problem in telecommunications where one wants to set up paths in a capacitated network to accommodate given point-to-point traffic demand. The problem is formulated as an integer linear programming model where 0-1 variables represent different paths. An associated integral polytope is studied, and different classes of facets are described. These results are used in a cutting plane algorithm. Computational results for some realistic problems are reported.

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Abstract: The design of integrated circuits has achieved a great deal of attention in the last decade. In the routing phase, there have survived two unsolved layout problems that are important from both the theoretical and the practical point of view. Up to now, switchbox routing has been known to be solvable in polynomial time when there are only 2-terminal nets, and to be NP-complete in case there exist nets involving at least five terminals. Our main result is that this problem is NP-complete even if no net has more than three terminals. Hence, from the theoretical perspective, the switchbox routing problem is completely settled.

The NP-completeness proof is based on a reduction from a special kind of the satisfiability problem. It also is possible to adopt our construction to channel routing implying that this problem is NP-complete, even if each net does not consist of more than five terminals. This improves upon a result of Sarrafzadeh who proved the NP-completeness in case of nets with no more than six terminals. (C) 1998-Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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**Abstract:** A new concept of chip and package co-design for the clock network is presented in this paper. We propose a two-level clock distribution scheme which partitions the clock network into two levels. First, the clock terminals are partitioned into a set of clusters. For each cluster, a local on-chip clock tree is used to distribute the clock signal from a locally inserted buffer to terminals inside this cluster. The clock signal is then distributed from the main clock driver to each of local buffers by means of a global clock tree, which is a planar tree with equal path lengths. With the hip chip area I/O attachment, the planar global clock tree can be put on a dedicated package layer. The interconnect on the package layer has two to four order smaller resistance than that on the chip layer. The main contribution of this paper is a novel algorithm to construct a planar clock tree with equal path lengths—the length of the path from the clock source to each destination is exactly the same. In addition, the path length from the source to destinations is minimized.

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**Planar clock routing for high performance chip and package co-design**

( Planares Taktrouting fuer einen Hochleistungschip )

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A new concept of chip and package co-design for the clock network is presented in this paper. We propose a two level clock distribution scheme which partitions the clock network into two levels. First, the clock terminals are partitioned into a set of clusters. For each cluster, a local on-chip clock tree is used to distribute the clock signal from a locally inserted buffer to terminals inside this cluster. The clock signal is then distributed from the main clock driver to each of local buffers by means of a global clock tree, which is a planar tree with equal path lengths. With the flip chip area I/O attachment, the planar global clock tree can be put on a dedicated package layer. The interconnect on the package layer has two to four order smaller resistance than that on the chip layer. The main contribution of this paper is a novel algorithm to construct a planar clock tree with equal path lengths-the length of the path from the clock source to each destination is exactly the same. In addition, the path length from the source to destinations is minimized.

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